

A Full and True

RELATION

OF THE

Execution

Of Two PERSONS

Who were Executed for

MURDERING

Sir EDMUNDBURY GODFREY

One of His Majesties Justices of the Peace for
the County of *Middlesex*.

L A T E

Of the Parish of *St. Martins in the Fields*.

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ROBERT GREEN,

A N D

LAURENCE HILL:

Who Suffered on *Fryday* the 21st. of this instant
February, 167⁸.

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An Account of their Carriages and Behaviours du-
ring the time of their Imprisonments. And
likewise at the place of Execution.

With several other Remarkable Circumstances.

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Since the arrogated Superiorities of Roman Prelates have Lorded it over the greatest part of mankind, professing Christianity, not only being content with the confinement of their bodies, but also have presumed to give Laws to Souls, and constrain those immortal beings to center on their wills, which the Almighty made as the lively stamps of his eternal essence, to pay their adoration to his sacred Name, and yield their Homage unto none beside: Yet these that are themselves but men, composed of Dust, and fellow-creatures to the vilest creatures Hea-

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ven made, presume their strength is greater then it is, and swell themselves with fond ambition like a cloudy vapour; and true it is, that they of late have shewed the utmost of their powers to startle the admiring world, and with their Leaden blades cut deep into the Steely Swords that awful Monarchs bear, by fly undermining their majestick waits and by the help of cruel and traitorous Agents, caused their Subjects to rebel, set peaceful Nations in blazing and tumultuous Wars. So pernicious are their subtil thoughts and black decrees, that oft the mournful Nations have confessed to their sad costs, the Tragical actions of that cruel See, whom slaughters and unlawful Murders please; of which our *England* had been ever to share; had not the Almighty God opposed their desperate and malicious wills, and yet their envy came not altogether short of its destructive end the which it leveled at; for by the hands of Wicked Agents, here a worthy States-man did so lately fall, for which two of the Bloody and Inhumne actors have already most deservedly been Executed for their Crimes, viz. The afore-mentioned *Hill* and *Green*, whose Executions are the Subject I intend to treat of, the which is thus,

On Munday morning the 10th. of this Instant February, 1679, the afore/said parties were brought from the County Goal of Newgate (where for some time they had been imprisoned) to Westminster-Hall, to receive their Tryals accordingly, where being arrived at the Kings-bench-Bar, about ten of the Clock the Jury received their Charge, and the Witnesses called, it was proved against the Prisoners, that

that they with some others not taken, were instrumental in the Murdering of Sir Edmund-bury Godfrey; after having doged him for several hours (supposed for that evil purpose) when they saw their convenient opportunity, casting a twisted Handkerchief about his Neck, and so by violence Strangled the worthy Gentleman; for which on the Tuesday following, they received Sentence of Death, to return to Goal from whence they were brought, and from thence to the place of Execution; the which was so ordered this 21st. of February.

They being brought out of the Hole where the condemned men are usually put, they were very much dejected, and their countenances changed; as they approached the fatal Cart where they must ride their last, but being holpen up by some of the Sheriffs Men, fast pinion'd, the Car-man drove away about Nine or Ten of the Clock; Their Cloaths were very decent, but not over costly, they seem'd extremely sensible of their Latter Ends; and the tears were often observed to trickle down their faces, (as it is too often seen when resolute men live in perplexity) and are satiated with abundance of vain pleasures, and delightful sins, they care not how they plunge themselves in dangerous ills, and see not lurking fate that haunts them invisible, like some restless Ghost; but when their Lives are spun, and destiny untimely does divide them, and the center of their longing hopes with a certain and an unavoidable stroak, it must needs terrifie and rouse their stupid thoughts.) But to the purpose, they were both well in years, but very lusty men, especially Hill, who had been
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Dr. Godwin's Servant for many years, and as it is credibly reported, demeaned himself very well, till insenced by the power of darkness, or his Agents, to commit this most horrid and bloody crime, detested both by the Laws of God and Man; and yet the Devil by his tempting snares doth prompt Mans internal thoughts, and external actions, to all manner of sins, that without the assistance of Almighty God, he is caught by the wiles of the Devil. *Green* likewise was Waiter and Cushion-Bearer to *Sommer-fer-House*.

When they were come to the place of Execution, (Guarded by the Constables and their Watches Warn'd for that purpose from their respective Parishes and Hamlets adjacent) they much bewailed themselves for the bloody sins they had committed, the which had been the cause of their untimely and disgraceful ends: and with secret Prayers, the which might plainly be discerned, the elevation of their Hands and Eyes, and often opening and inspecting into books they held; the which made many people judge charitably of their latter ends. After some time the Cart was drawn away, and they suffered according to Law provided in that case: their bodies were put in Coffins, and brought back. And sure the just rewards of these offenders, and most cruel men who murdered innocence without a cause, for which they fell by pressing Justice hand, may surely put a stop to all the cruel thoughts of bloody-minded Men,

Now

Now we have given you an account of the execution of *Robert Green*, and *Lawrence Hill*, we think it not altogether impertinent to give you the true manner of the murder of that true English Loyal Protestant *Sir Edmund-Bury-Godfrey*, which is now so notoriously known, not only through our English Nation, but abroad amongst our Neighbours, especially of the reformed Religion: *Sir Edmund-Bury-Godfrey* being one of his Majesties Justices of the Peace for *Middlesex*: Upon the Discovery of the most horrid and bloody Plot, had the Examination of some Priests and others concern'd, whom he committed to *Newgate* on the 28. of *September* last; But meerly for doing thus his duty, others of the Tribe were so devilishly enraged against him, that they contrived his death: for on *Saturday* the 12th. of *October*, he walking out about 9 a Clock from his House near *Charing-Cross* on his usual occasions, was no more to be seen or heard of till the *Thursday* following, and then was found in a Ditch at a place call'd *Primrose-Hill*, near *Hampstead*, about 3 Miles from *London*, with his Cloaths and Money, nothing missing but his Band and a pocket-Book, wherein he had taken the said priests Examination; but his own Sword was run through his body, and so left in it: This the Villains had done intending to Murther his Reputation as well as his person, and persuade people that he Murthered himself, but in that the Devil made Fools of them, for there being no blood to be seen in the place: the soles of his Shoes clean, and especially a Circle about his Neck that shew'd he was Strangled; every body concluded he was killed before, and lately carried thither: Hereupon the King publisht a Proclamation, promising 500 l. reward, and pardon to any one concern'd that should discover the rest; and at last (though rather out of trouble of conscience than the invitation of that reward)

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zeal and Charity; From which let all
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and the Religion established, against
and Hellish Conspiracies.



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gainst all their Bloody plots,



I. S.